

WITCH WAY **Wicked Wendy** swoops down



Top dog sporting action on GB Color



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Real rubbish Still not worth playing **Nothing too special** Pretty good, but not

exactly great
90–100 Amazing game you must play!

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### **Game Info**

By: Nintendo Price: £29.99 Release: Out Now

GAME BOY COLOR

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LOOKS With added cold animations, Crystal Version is the best looking Pokémon game to date.

### Portable showdown

aming crazes may come and go but there's no denying that the Pokémon series is here to stay.

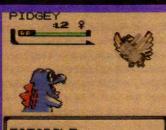
This month sees the launch of the latest version, Pokémon Crystal, with its intricate new features and all your favourite Pokémon to catch all over again.

Following the Gold and Silver format, Pokémon Crystal offers subtle changes including a female Trainer, neat battle animations and new level ups.

With hours of gameplay guaranteed from this latest Nintendo title, Game Boy Color owners are going to have their work cut out to beat the best and become a Master Trainer



you to raise a POKEMON

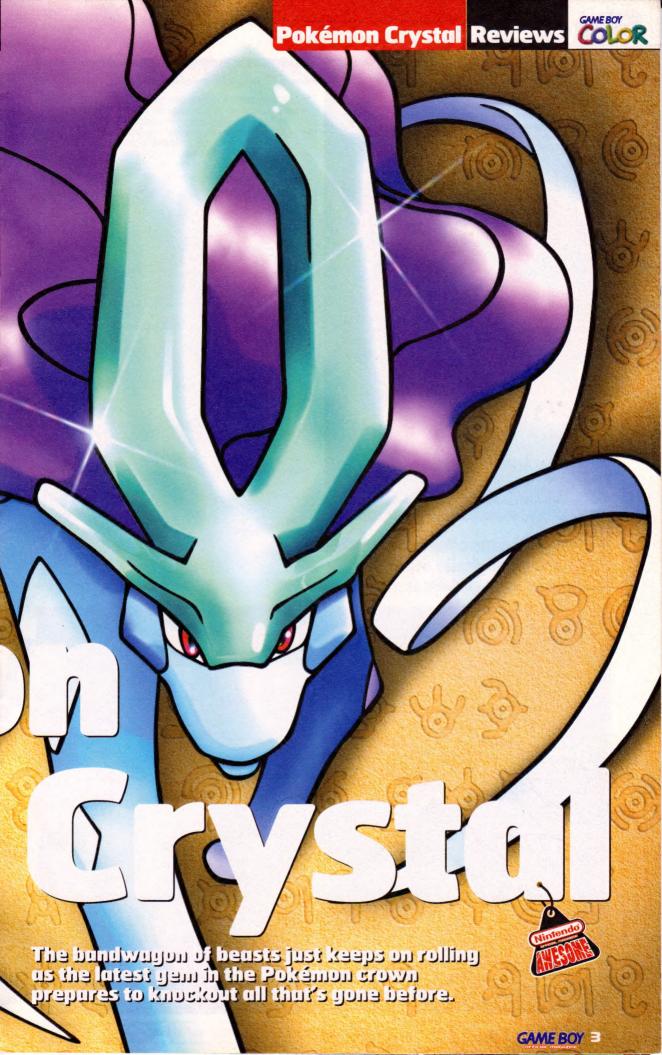


TOTODILE used SCRATCH!

A Prime your Game Boy Colors Pokémaniacs because your creatures are battle hungry and itching for a fight. Go Totodile!

The world of Johto, and later Kanto, is yours

to explore in Pokémon Crystal, but first you must meet mad Poké scientist, Professor Elm.



# **GAME BOY**

#### Let battle commence

Like previous Game Boy Pokémon games, Crystal opens with a short movie complete with some of the cutest Pokémon who

will more than whet your appetite for what lies ahead.
The short clip opens as two Unown Pokémon start to call out to each other in the wild. Suddenly a shadowy figure scampers through the thick undergrowth and out of sight.

With Pichu and Wooper wondering what all the fuss is about, the dark figure makes itself known as Suicune, the Legendary Dog, and is instantly faced with a pack of Unowns.



Wait a moment, who is that Pokémon charging through the grass. It certainly looks familiar.



A The Pokémon in question is Suicune, one of three creatures who make up the Legendary Dogs trio.



▲ With its fierce eyes, Suicune's Hydro Pump and Bubblebeam are a match for any tough talking Trainer.



A Before the movie ends and the game begins, Suicune is surrounded by eight Unown. All very strange.

**SOUNDS** The Game Boy Color's musical limitations are on display once again. These tunes won't go down as classics.

#### **Get out of bed!**

Slam in the sparkly Game Boy Color cartridge and you'll meet a friendly face as soon as you switch on.

Professor Oak has overslept and asks you to set the time for him. It may sound simple, but it disguises how the game works.

This is because Crystal runs in real time. In other words you set the game clock so it's the same as when you are playing.

Consequently, you'll have to play during the day and at night in order to catch Pokémon and complete your Pokédex.



you've got to wake the old boy up.



▲ Set the cart's clock and the game will start to run in real time.



▲ If you're playing at eight in the morning, it'll be 8am in Johto. Smart!

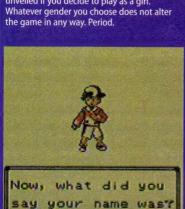
## Girl power

Unlike previous versions, Pokémon Crystal has done away with just one male Trainer to choose from at the start.

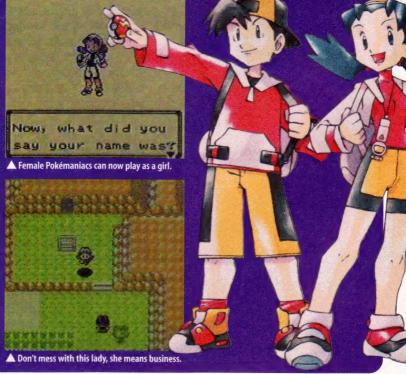
If you are a die hard female Pokémaniac, you'll be pleased to hear there's no longer any need to play the whole game as a boy. Now there's a new Trainer in town!

Before you head into the wilds of Johto and start hunting down your elite squad, you can pick from a male Trainer as before or a female apprentice with blue pigtails.

But don't expect any new secrets to be unveiled if you decide to play as a girl. Whatever gender you choose does not alter the game in any way. Period.



As all fans know, you can also play as a boy.



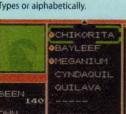


### Improve vour Pokédex

As every Pokémaniac will know, only the best Trainers have a complete Pokédex.

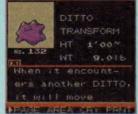
To help you organise your collection the programmers have gone back to the drawing board to give the Pokédex a complete overhaul.

Now you can sort your bulging Pokédex to how you want it, whether it's into evolution Types, their official Types or alphabetically.



You can also catalogue your Pokémon into Gold and Silver order.

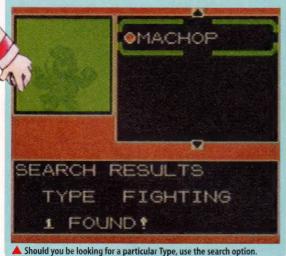
HAPILA



Each entry is packed with info including height, weight and facts.



Use the alphabetical Pokédex to arrange them in A-Z order.



### **War cries**

With each Pokémon game comes some new improvements and one change occurs when you square up to battle.

In the past the opposition's Pokémon didn't offer much taunting to get your blood boiling, but they sure do now.

As they slide into the corner of the screen, your rival's Pokémon will stand there and taunt you into making the first move

What they don't know is that your squad has plenty of tricks up its sleeves, so get out there and give them a pasting.



Mhen you discover Hoppip in the undergrowth it will taunt you by performing a bizarre head shake



A Rattata will slide onto the screen and start to hiss and move its head. It's not for the faint hearted.



▲ Sandshrew's one of the cutest Pokémon, but by the looks of it this Pokémon's got a serious BO problem. Get that first attack in!

# On a new level

There may not be any new Pokémon to catch, but there are some slight differences in the current line up.

Various monsters now learn different moves resulting in new tactics that you must remember in order to become the best Trainer around.

To give you a hand we've gone back to get the lowdown on their original Pokédex information and included all the new details...



#### Snease

Previously, the final move it could acquire was Beat Up. rystal version

Now Sneasel earns Metal Claw at Level 65.



These mighty Pokémon learnt Swift at Level 37. rystal version

Yanma now acquires Wing Attack at Level 37.



### Eevee

At Level 36 this Normal Type used to learn Baton Pass.

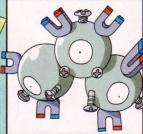
**Crystal version Eevee now acquires Focus** Energy at Level 36.



#### Hoppip

These wind loving Pokémon started with Synthesis. Crystal version

Now they learn Synthesis at Level five instead of Tail Whip.



#### Magneton

This Electric and Steel Type used to learn Swift at Level 35.

These three Magnemites now learn Tri Attack at Level 35.

### Now in technicolor

For the first time, Crystal is the first Pokémon game that will only work on a Game Boy Color.

It's sad news for Game Boy Classic and Pocket owners, but this fresh adventure looks all the better for it.

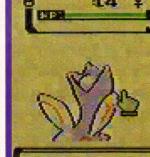
Now each town comes alive with new licks of paint, while the landscapes look vibrant thanks to the Color's enhancements



▲ Johto's now complete with painted buildings and green fields. ALLALA



At night time, places like llex Forest become dark and sinister.



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The Pokémon you fight are now more colourful thanks to the Color cart's improvements. Rattata now looks even more frightening!

ONE PLAYER Like Gold

and Silver, the depth this game reaches is astonishing

and you will be at it for weeks finding Pokémon morning. noon and night.



### Play on your GBA

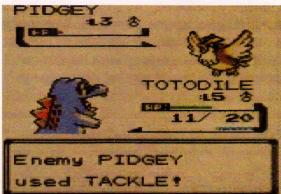
You may not be able to play Crystal on older Game Boys, but one thing you can do is slam your cart into your GBA and enjoy the hustle and bustle of Johto on Nintendo's new handheld.

Unfortunately, it won't improve the look of the adventure and the cartridge will stick out the top of the cart slot.

But to compensate for the new machine's wider screen, you can fill it by pressing the left shoulder button on top of your GBA.







... or just press and the screen will expand to fill the Game Boy ▲ The graphics don't change on GBA. ▲ You can play normal screen size... Advance's wider screen. No more black borders now, gamers!

### Dial a Pokémon

Regular NOM readers may well remember a story we ran back in issue 97 about Pokémon Crystal using Nintendo's Mobile Adapter.

This amazing piece of kit enabled Japanese gamers to trade with other Poké nuts just by connecting a mobile phone to a Game Boy Color.

As Japan only uses one mobile phone network, it made it easier for Nintendo to develop for the system. Unfortunately, that's not the case in the UK.

As there are four mobile phone networks in Britain this just wasn't possible, and so Pokémon Crystal just uses link cables to transfer data.



Unfortunately, US and UK Pokémaniacs can't use the Mobile Adapter to trade creatures.



As in previous quests, you'll have to swap Pokémon with a friend using a set of link cables.

MULTIPLAYER Cables at the ready! You'll be trading like never before to capture every last creature and link up battles are what make this game legendary.

### he next generation

Well that's it from the Pokémon crew on your Game Boy Color as there's no word yet on any more GBC titles.

Nintendo has unveiled Pokémon Mini, a tiny handheld machine which features four games including Pokémon Party and Pinball.

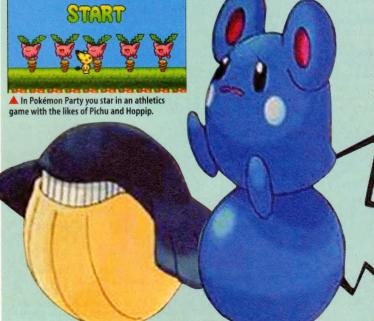
In addition, Nintendo is working on Pokémon World and the Card e Reader which scans barcodes from new Pokémon cards.

You can be rest assured that the manic creatures are here to stay, but whether or not they will be on GBC again is a mystery.



The mysterious Celebi will even make an appearance on the new Pokémon Mini next year.





#### On the move

Like all previous Pokémon GB quests, you'll be pleased to know that Crystal is compatible with Pokémon Stadium 2.

By transferring your data onto the N64 game, you can battle other Johto and Kanto creatures in 3D on your TV screen.

In order to battle your Crystal creatures in 3D you'll need a Transfer Pak, though one doesn't come with Pokémon Stadium 2.

If you haven't got a Transfer Pak though don't worry as you can fight with some of the rented creatures on the N64 cart.



Find and train them in Crystal and you can transfer them onto Pokémon Stadium 2



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▲ Make sure you train up your squad so they are rock hard when transferred onto your N64.



▲ Find Suicune in Pokémon Crystal and you might see this awesome 3D sight on your N64.

As Pokémon games go, this is just as good as before with its great mix of RPG adventuring and battling. If you've not got Gold or Silver this is essential, but if not, think twice before shelling out. SCORE 94%

#### Wendy Every Witch Way

By TDK Mediactive Price £24.99 Game Link X Infra Red ✗ Game Boy ✗ Game Boy Color ✓

What it's about Wendy, a young witch, finds a mysterious chest in her Aunt's attic. As she opens the box, a swarm of glowing stones burst out and disappear into a floating castle. The castle then collapses causing gravity to reverse. Wendy has to find the stones and put gravity right.

We think Wendy's quest is a good platform game with colourful graphics and varied levels. The gravity reversal element adds a puzzle edge to the game that really makes you think. Overall, Wendy's quest is a delight to play, despite the broomstick flying sub levels that aren't so good.

Don't let those baby blue eyes deceive you gamers. Miss Wendy is nothing but trouble in this title.



That silly little witch has unleashed all of these glowing stones, turning gravity upside down. Time for your adventure to begin



▲ The ability to reverse gravity makes for some very interesting puzzles and unusual action stages. Watch where you walk, Wendy!





▲ That skeleton looks pretty angry. In fact he's so mad that he's prepared to throw bones at you. They could have belonged to his poor brother, y'know.

GAME SCORE

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#### **Snoopy Tennis**

By **Infogrames** Price **£24.99** Game Link Infra Red × Game Boy × Game Boy Color ✓

What it's about Snoopy and all his mates get together to knock a few balls around. Choose from your favourite characters and try to win the coveted Snoopy Championship. In addition, there are loads of mini games to enjoy plus a two player mode, too. Not fashionable, but lots of fun

We think This sports sim is hardly groundbreaking, but Snoopy Tennis is a solid and enjoyable GBC title. Not as long winded as Mario Tennis, this is a game that could easily pass a couple of hours. The graphics are smooth, the sound's clear and there is an impressive list of options to boot



Snoopy's forehand smash is extremely devastating, but the hound's let down in the speed department. Tennis is always fun on the beach. The sand gives a softer landing when you decide to throw yourself around.



get bored on an ordinary court, try a game of squash. Learning to use the angles is essential



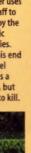
### **Power Rangers** Time Force

By TNO Price £24.99 Game Link X Infra Red X Game Boy X Game Boy Color ✓

What it's about Those Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers are back again to save the world from the forces of evil. The bad guys have developed the capability to travel back in time and you must follow the dastardly enemies and foil their fiendish plot.



Red Ranger uses his staff to destroy the robotic enemies This end of level boss is a giant, but easy to kill.







We think With five Power Rangers to take

attributes, there's plenty of variety in the

Man titles, but it's not as good looking or

battles. Time Force plays like the GBC Spider-

into battle, each with their own set of

exciting. A standard platform title.

GAME SCORE

#### TWINE

What it's about Uncover the mystery of Robert King's death and find the evil mind who is behind another sinister plot to take over the world.



A Be James Bond and save the world. Again.

We think It's a shame that the N64 Bond brilliance hasn't ported over to the GBC. The adventure's long, with plenty to do, but the sloppy controls will put many of you off.

GAME SCORE

#### **M&M's Madness**



Green won't look so smug if she gets melted.

What it's about There's an overload in the M&M's Minis factory. The only thing to do is to send the big M&Ms in there to put the Minis back on track.

We think A very slow and tedious title. The routes aren't clearly marked and the game plods along. M&M's isn't an entirely bad game, just your very average platformer.

GAME SCORE

### Felix Halloween

Yellow Ranger gets more than he bargained

for down in the jungle when he walks into this

enemy hiding behind a bush. Watch it next time.

By **BBI** Price **£24.99** Game Link **X** Infra Red **X** Game Boy **X** Game Boy Color ✓

What it's about It's Halloween and Felix the Cat and his friend decide to investigate a spooky haunted house. A strange voice tells them that their pals are lost in the eerie rooms of the scary mansion. Felix has to try and rescue them from their ghoulish captors.

We think Felix's quest is a big adventure and there's plenty to keep you busy. The graphics are both smooth and colourful while Felix's actions are well animated. However, the gameplay is a little simple and sometimes you'll get hurt when baddies just miss you.



As well as dodging ghosts, you'll have to get to grips with these tennis ball machines. They blast so many balls at you, they must be possessed.



Let's have a look inside. What a great idea...



At last, a real Halloween spook. You'll find these giant pumpkins really troublesome.

GAME SCORE

### **Antz World Sportz**

What it's about Take control of the cast of the hit animated movie, Antz. Choose from four of the underground insects and battle it out.



Fight it out with the cream of the insect crop.

We think The events are varied and well animated but the whole game is too easy. We finished it in under half an hour!

GAME SCORE 53%

### **Fort Boyard**



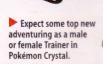
This game is sorely lacking decent gameplay. What it's about Based on the rip roaring Channel Five game show, you must guide a group of super fit competitors to uncover Boyard's gold. But where's Mel?

We think The programme's rubbish, this is worse. Slack controls and awful gameplay mean that this is a total waste of time.

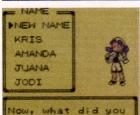
GAME SCORE

42%

Another new Pokémon title is upon us and here are some handy hints to begin your GB Color Crystal adventure...



## Bov or



▲When you start Pokémon Crystal, you will be asked if you wish to play as either a boy or girl. Your decision will make no odds to the game's outcome, but it's a cool addition.

say your name was?

This is great news for all you female Pokémaniacs out there who got a bit tired of adventuring as an athletic, baseball cap wearing young lad! Now go catch some Pokémon and show those lads what you can do!

#### ith the arrival of a new Pokémon adventure comes new features and options to enjoy.

One of the most significant changes from the Gold and Silver versions is that you can choose to be a female Trainer.

That's right girls, finally you can wander around Johto, and later Kanto, as a little lady.



When you've finished talking to your mum, your next port of call is the Professor's

Laboratory. You won't be able to leave this small town until you have had a chat with Professor Elm, so pop over and see him in his lab.





Leave your house and make your way over to Professor Elm's Laboratory. Here you will be asked to get an item from Mr Pokémon.

Professor Elm will also give you your first Pokémon. Now you're all set to wander out of town towards Cherrygrove City. As you leave you'll also get a Potion to help you out.

### ew Bark Town

When you begin a new game your adventure will start inside your quaint home in New Bark Town.

There's not much to look at round here, but whenever you return home, you can sort out money savings with your Mum.

You can also have a nap to recharge your squad should you return from a trip.





As before, you start off in your bedroom. Here you can activate your PC, allowing you to retrieve stored items and caught Pokémon. You can even redecorate your room.

 Go downstairs to the kitchen and have a chat with your Mum. She will allow you to set the time and give you your Poké Gear. This is an essential tool for your whole adventure, so keep it safe!

### Route 29

As you exit New Bark Town you will find yourself on Route 29, which leads to Cherrygrove City.

There isn't much to do here other than head straight through, fighting off any wild Pokémon who attack.

Don't worry, the Pokémon round here will be weak, so you can defend yourself easily.





There are a few people around that you can speak to for some general information about Pokémon. You'll also be able to pick a Berry from the tree on Route 29.

Although all of the wild Pokémon you face will be at low levels, this is the perfect opportunity to get in some early training for your Pokémon. The stronger you are the better!

POKEGEAR.

### **Cherrygrove City**

This is the first of many cities that you will visit during your travels across the land of Johto.

Take your time to explore all of the buildings in this town and speak to the people for some top tips.

They offer plenty of useful information for the Pokemon novice, so listen carefully.





As you enter this town, you will be approached by an old man who offers to give you a tour. Take it, and the old boy will show you around as well as give you a map of the world of Johto.

◆ After all the battling you did on Route 29, your Pokémon might need to recharge. Visit the Poké Centre to restore their health and buy some Potions from the Poké Mart.

### First rival fiaht

Upon leaving Mr Pokémon's house you get a call from Professor Elm who tells you that something really bad has happened in his lab!

You had better rush back to New Bark Town to see what's wrong. But on your way back you'll meet a suspicious character who looks to be in quite a hurry. Time to fight!





▲ In Cherrygrove City, on your way back to the lab, you'll bump into your rival. After a few brief words you'll begin your first rival battle.

▼ The Pokémon he uses depends on what you chose at the start of your adventure. However, whatever he uses will be at Level five, and should be no problem if you've been training them hard.

### **Route 30**

Next up, exit Cherrygrove City to the north onto Route 30. Sections of this route will be closed off at the moment, but new paths open later.

You will come across some new Pokémon in the wild, but once again, you won't find anything higher than Level four. If you have been training your Pokémon, they shouldn't be a problem.

At the very start of Route 30, you can get a Berry from the tree and one from the kind bloke in the house. Keep them safe as you never know what Pokémon are waiting for you. Walk ahead and to the right when the path splits.





Enter Mr Pokémon's house and speak to him to get the Mysterious Egg for Professor Elm. Now all you have to do is take it back to New Bark Town, but watch for wild Pokémon.



As you stroll along, fight any Trainers who you bump into for essential experience before you have to fight your first major battle later on. Also, grab the Berry from the tree and keep it safe.



A Professor Oak also makes a surprise appearance. Speak to the Pokémon expert to get his new and improved Pokédex. Now it's been updated to store data for every new creature.

researcher.

#### Loads of Pokémon now learn new attacks as you progress. Yanma, for example, can now learn Wing Attack at Level 37 instead of Swift which it learnt in previous Pokémon quests.

# Rack to the

After dealing with the Trainer in Cherrygrove City, continue back to the lab to help Elm and deliver the Egg.

As Elm said on the phone, one of the Pokemon on his desk has gone missing and a police officer is on the scene to investigate the robbery. The question is, who would have done such a thing?

In a conversation with the police officer, you tell her about the strange Trainer you fought back in Cherrygrove City. You will also be able to give him a name to help their investigation.





▲ Despite the robbery, Professor Elm will be happy that you have his Egg for his very important research. Later in the game, this Egg will hatch into a cool Pokémon!



As you try to leave the lab, the Professor's aide will stop you and hand over five Poké Balls. Now you can finally catch more Pokémon to build your own fighting team!

### Free to roam

Now that Professor Elm has his Egg and you have Poké Balls, the real adventure begins! Look out for even more helpful Pokémon tips in a future issue or send them into Your Tips.



# **Game Boy Advance** gadgets? We've got them coming out of our ears...

Colour co ordinate your Game Boy Advance with these easy to fit covers.

- Snap On Cover £6.99
- Wild Things



### of the best

GB Advance hasn't even been out for six months, but check these out...

#### Super Mario Advance

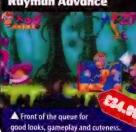


▲ Mario and crew return with a master class on how to do a platformer



tracks. Keep telling yourself it's on GBA.

#### Rayman Advance



**Mario Kart** 

A Cut the GBA cart in half and 'classic' runs right through it. Honest!

#### Mysterio's Menace



▲ Spidey comes to life in an action romp that stays true to his roots.



Comes with a light, magnifier and a power charging unit. The Robo Power looks dead cool, too.



**☑**Official Game Boy news ☑New GB game exclusives

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# **Game Info** NEW FOR **GAME BOY** By: Virgin Interactive Type: Survival Horror Release: December

# New GBC adventure ● Stop Umbrella ● Kill man eating zombies

he Resident Evil series has been scaring the pants off gamers for over five years now with its unique

brand of horror gaming.

After the cancellation of the original project, a new GBC version is here, and it's as scary as hell with all manner of dark corridors and dirty beasts.

Umbrella Pharmaceuticals Inc. has developed a new form of Bio Organic Weapon which was last sighted on the

Starlight cruise ship.
You play Barry, a member of an underground force fighting against Umbrella. You must get on board the boat and destroy the B.O.W.

With atmospheric lighting and excellent B movie style music, Resident Evil Gaiden is a fine example of what GB Color can do. Look out for a review soon.



▲ Barry is dropped on to the ship's deck. His first objective is to find out just what's going on aboard the Starlight cruiser.





As the door to the lobby opens, a gruesome sight confronts you. Something has come aboard and turned the passengers into gross zombies.

The fight sequences are impressive. The view changes to first person and you must have good timing to get in your shots. Stop the cursor over the zombies to hit them.

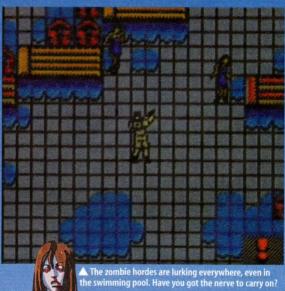




▲ The Starlight cruise liner is enormous. You'll spend hours investigating all its

nooks and crannies to unravel the mystery and stop Umbrella.

Vou can carry loads of equipment in your inventory. Make sure you pick up plenty of life giving herbs and handy ammo clips as you trawl the ship.









▲ There's no time to ask questions, get your gun and start blasting the evil undead.

### We think...

There hasn't been a bad Resident Evil game yet and Gaiden certainly doesn't seem as though it will buck that trend. The atmosphere is tense and the game feels like a mini horror movie.



# BLAG FEST

If you can't get enough of Pokémon Crystal then have we got a competition for you! We're also giving away some top Scooby Doo videos and fantastic paintball games.





#### **Paintball Pro**

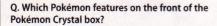
If you've never experienced paintballing, now's your chance. These cool kits can be used indoors or out, so you'll be able to paintball anywhere. Vivid Imaginations has given us five Virtual Paintball Pro kits to dish out, so to be in with a shout, just answer this question...

Q. Which sharp shooting cowboy's real name was William H. Bonney?

- (A) Billy the Kid
- (B) Wild Bill Hickok
- (C) Clint Eastwood

#### **Crystal Crazy**

If your idea of a good time is spending a few weeks in Johto and Kanto, then you'll be pleased to know that your adventure of a lifetime is here in Pokémon Crystal. Those kind folk at Nintendo have given us three copies of this top game to give away to the lucky readers who can answer this Poké related question...



- (A) Suicune
- (B) Arcanine
- (C) Charizard







#### **Cyber Scooby**

Out to buy now, Scooby Doo and the Cyber Chase is a full length, action packed adventure featuring the hungry hound and all his usual chums. The guys at Warner Home Video have given us five copies of this groovy movie starring The Mystery Machine gang. Just think, one can be yours if you answer this teaser correctly.

Q. What is the name of Scooby Doo's nephew?



- (A) Messy
- (B) Scrappy
- (C) Untidy

### How to win ▶

- 1 Write your answer on a postcard or the back of a sealed down envelope.
- 2 On one side, write the answer to the compo, your name, age and home address.
- 3 On the other side, mark it with the compo name and our address:
- Nintendo Official Magazine, EMAP Active, Angel House, 338-346 Goswell Road, London, EC1V 7QP.
- 4 Lick a stamp, stick it on your entry and post it. The closing date for all compos is 13 December.